

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/936,050

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks herein.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 1-19. By amendment herein, it is believed that all claims will be in condition for allowance.

With respect to paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Applicants appreciate that the Examiner is considering all claims on the merits at this time.

At page 2 of the Office Action, claims 20-38 stand rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

First of all, the Examiner notes that claims 20-38 are improper multiple dependent claims. The claims have been amended to remove improper multiple claim dependency. The second point raised by the Examiner is with respect to claims 36-38 as use claims. These claims have been canceled.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. If any minor points remain prior to notice of allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the below listed phone number.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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